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DECEMBER 21, 1976

1. SUMMARY - SIXTY-FIRST MEETING FIFTH COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 21,
1976 APPROVED A \$2.6 MILLION EXPANSION OF FACILITIES AT UN
HEADQUARTERS, ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, APPROVED A SALARY INCREASE FOR THE
SECRETARY GENERAL, APPROVED \$2.5 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE
SERVICING COSTS FOR 1977, AND ACCPETED PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE
REPORTS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77 END SUMMARY

2. ITEM 99 - EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF UN FACILITIES.
TURKEY SUPPORTED ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MORE LIMITED
EXPANSION THAN THE SYG HAD PROPOSED. ALGERIA ALSO SUPPORTED
THEM, AS A FIRST STAGE IN A SERIES OF NECESSARY CHANGES.
548,8\$AD TOBAGO USAID EXPANSIONS PROPOSED BY SYG WERE RE-
QUIRED, AGREED THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO METING ROOMS,
AUSTRALIA, PAKISTAN, GHANA
AND FRANCE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT ALLOTING EACH DELEGATION ONLY FOUR
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SEATS INSTEAD OF SIC IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL. USSR, SUPPORTING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PLENARY AND LARGE CONFERENCE ROOMS, FOUND
THAT OTHER CHANGES WERE EXCESSIVELY COSTLY, ILL-CONCEIVED, AND
UNEONOMICAL. PAKISTAN PLEADED FOR AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE CAFE-
TERIA. US SUPPORTED THE AVABQ, DESCRIBING ITS REPORT AS PRUDENT
AND DECISIVE. AFTER MUCH MORE DISCUSSION OF PLENARY HALL SEATING

QUESTION, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO PROPOSED THAT THE FIFTH COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT SELECT ANY ONE OPTION FOR PLENARY SEATING BUT SHOULD APPROVE THE OVERALL SUM OF 2,6000,000 LEAVING ALL THE OPTIONS OPEN ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSULT DELEGATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1977 AND WOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ACABQ REPORT AS AMENDED BY TRINDID/TOBAGO PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED 62 (US)-9(EES)-3(UK,SRI

LANKA). UK SAID FIFTH COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE SETTLED PLENARY SEATING MATTER THEN AND THERE. SRI LANKA SAID IT HAD DOUBTS WHETHER CONSULTATIONS COULD BE CARRIED OUT BY JANUARY 31.

3. ITEM 92 - ESTABLISHMENT OF UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (UNIDF) (A/C.5/31/57).

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO THE GA BY THE IDB WAS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. USSR PROPOSED AMENDMENT PROVIDING THAT REIMBURSEMENTS PAID BY THE FUND TO THE UNIDO SECRETARIAT FOR SUPPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SHOULD BE FROM UNIDF RESOURCES (RATHER THAN AT THE UNDP RATE), NETHERLANDS AND EGYPT OBJECTED TO AMENDMENT,

WHICH WAS THEN DEFEATED 12(EES, QATAR)-40(US)-18. COMMITTEE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS PARAGRAPHS 13, 17 AND 18 OF SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AS WELL AS ACABQ REPORT, THUS ADOPTING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON UNIDF.

4. ITEM 92 - EMOLUMENTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

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ALGERIA STATED THAT PURPOSED INCREASE OF SYG'S GROSS BASE SALARY FROM \$77,600 TO \$110,650 WAS REASONABLE. FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT AN AMENDMENT BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSAL TO REQUEST THE SYG TO REVIEW WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE DRAFT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR 1978 -79 THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION RECEIVED BY THE ACABQ CHAIRMAN AND TO MAKE A REPORT TO THE GA. US INQUIRED HOW PERCENTAGE INCREASE OF 27 PERCENT FOR SECRETARY GENERAL HAD BEEN REACHED. CONTROLLER DEBATIN RESPONDED THAT THE INCREASE REPRESENTED THE INCORPORATION OF VARIOUS POST ADJUSTMENTS WHICH RESTORED THE 1973 RELATIONSHIP OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SALARY TO THAT OF OTHER UN OFFICIALS. EGYPT, BELGIUM AND TUNISIA SUPPORTED THE ALGERIAN REMARKS. BY CONSENSUS, COMMITTEE ADOPTED ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SYG'S INCREASE AND DRAFT DECISION BY ALGERIA.

5. ITEM 99 - CONFERENCE SERVICING.

ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INTRODUCED THE ADVIORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS (A/31/8/ADD 23) WHICH AMOUNTED TO A NET ADDITIONAL

SUM OF 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR 1977 AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DECISION TAKEN THIS YEAR. USSR PROTESTED THE LAST MINUTE APPROACH ON THE PART OF THE SECRETARIAT AND WONDERED WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE TO SCALE DOWN THE SUM. ACABQ RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED 55(US)-11(EE'S, CUBA)-4(CHINA,BELGIUM).

6. ITEM 92 - PROGRESS AND PERFORMAMCE REPORTS FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77 (A/C.5/31/37, A/31/8/ADD 25,A/C.5/31/51).

ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE INSTRODUCED THE REPORTS AND STATED THAT THE TOTAL REVISED ESTIMATE FOR 1976-77 AMOUNTED TO 756,983,400. BYEORUSSIA SSR, DISAGREEING WITH PROCEDURE BY WHICH THESE REPORTS WERE BEING CONSIDERED, DID NOT APPROVE FO THIS SYSTEM OF QTE BUDGET CORRECTIONS UNQTE. JAPAN, INDICATING THAT IT WOULD ABSTAIN, HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE GENEVA DAY CARE CENTER AND THE RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN POSTS. FRANCE, ALSO PLANNING TO ABSTAIN, STATED THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO PERMIT ADEQUATE TIME TO STUDY THESE REPORTS. USSR, STATING THAT IT WOULD OPPOSE ANY ADDITIONS, CON-

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SIDERED IT UNJUSTIFIABLE TO PRESENT PROGRESS AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIENNIUM WHICH IN ANY CASE TREAT ONLY THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE 24 MONTH PERIOD. FRG, STATING THAT IT WOULD ABSTAIN FOR LACK OF TIME TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS APPROPRIATE LY,

URGED THAT FIXED DEADLINES BE ARRANGED. INDONESIA SUPPORTED THE VIEWS OF JAPAN. US STATED IT WOULD ABSTAIN FOR LACK OF TIME TO CONSIDER AND BECAUSE IT OBJECTED TO A PEICEMEAL APPROACH TO BUDGETING. CHINA STATED IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING BECAUSE THE REPORT INCLUDED EXPENDITURES TO WHICH IT WAS OPPOSED. THE UK STATED IT WOULD ABSTAIN BECAUSE OF THE TIME FACTOR AND SUPPORTED THE JAPANESE REMARKS ABOUT THE GENEVA DAY CARE CENTER. KENYA URGED THAT LAST MINUTE DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT MATTERS BE AVOIDED IN THE FUTURE. ITALY SAID IT WOULD ABSTAIN SINCE IT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO STUDY THE REPORT. POLAND SAID THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE REPORT BECAUSE OF THE UNACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES USED AND THE EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS REQUESTED. GHANA STATED IT WOULD NOTE IN FAVOR ALTHOUGH IT DID NOT APPROVE OF THE PROCEDURES. THE ADDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE PERFORMAMCE REPORT WERE APPROVED 46-12(EE' S)-12(US).

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